

A
True and Impartial
ACCOUNT

OF THE

Animosity,
Quarrel and Duel,

BETWEEN

the late Duke of HAMILTON,

AND

The Lord MOHUN:

WITH

the REPORTS of Three Eminent
SURGEONS, who open'd the Bo-
dies and examin'd the Wounds.

AND,

Some Previous Reflections

ON

Sham-Plots, &c.

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TIS Matter of just Surprize and deep Melancholly to consider what Pains and Industry have been used within these Two Years past, to make *Plots* out of the most *Ordinary Accidents*? An *Iron-Pin*, can't be missing in the Roof of a Cathedral; Preparations for the Anniversary of a Popular Rejoycing can't be made; A merry Health either to the *Protestant Succession*, or to a *Successful General*, can't be drank, at a *Clubb*, or round a Bonfire; An Insolency can't be committed in the Streets, either by a Drunken Fellow, or a Pick-Pocket; a *Band-Box* with a few Squibs can't be sent; A Man can't walk in the Night near the Gardens at *Kensington* or *Windsor*; A *Duel*, in short, can't be Fought, but the *Tools* of a *certain Party* in Ordinary, the *Examiner* and *Abel*, improve it into a *Whiggish Conspiracy* against

the Q—n and Government. It is foreign to my present Design, either to enquire into the Politick Reasons, or expose the Folly of these *State Amusements*: But this, I will adventure to say, by the way, that tho' they may serve a Party's Turn for some Time, yet they generally end in their Ruin and Confusion. And as it argues, either very *Narrow Views*, or a *Bad Cause*, the making use of frequent *SHAM-PLOTS* to support it, so it betrays a *Guilty Conscience*, the being in perpetual Fear of *REAL ONES*.

One might indeed, be apt, to imagine from the daily Provocations which a *Frenchify'd* and *Jacobite Faction* give those they are pleas'd to call the *Ruin'd Party*, that they don't think themselves safe, till they have brought the Nation into Trouble and Confusion: An egregious Instance of which, we have in their late Endeavours to improve a *private Animosity* into a *Party-Quarrel*; and to involve all the *Whiggs* in a Combination to murder the *Tories*. ' I cannot but observe, (*says the Tale-of-a-Tub-Priest, in his Examiner, of Nov. 20. 1712. Vol. III. Numb. 45.*) ' That the *Whigg-Party* are now Resuming ' their old way of Management where- ' in we never can pretend to be their ' Match. They have try'd all other Me- ' thods in Vain, and return with fresh ' Vigour to their last Expedient of *Mur- ' der*. They are putting the several Arts ' of it in Practice, and employ *Treachery* ' and *Violence* at once. Their *GENERAL* ' set

' set the Example of *PARTY-DUELS*,
 ' which was only to give them a San-
 ' ction, (for Care was taken that his
 ' Person should not be expos'd) and de-
 ' puted that *Infamous Messenger* of his
 ' Challenge, to be the *general BULLY* of
 ' the *Faction*——— The present Lord
 ' Treasurer has almost miraculously es-
 ' caped their last Engine of *Assassination*
 ' (meaning the *Band-Box*) I may pos-
 ' sibly, another Time enlarge my Re-
 ' flections upon that Attempt; but am call'd
 ' away by the Bloody Tragedy of Sa-
 ' turday last, where the Two most A-
 ' BANDONED WRETCHES that ever
 ' infested this Island, I mean the late
 ' Lord *Mohun* and *Macartney*, conspired
 ' and perfected the Murder of one of
 ' the greatest among her Majesty's Sub-
 ' jects, both by Birth, Titles, and Em-
 ' ployments. The Duke of *Hamilton* was
 ' very early distinguished by King *Charles*
 ' II, an allow'd Judge of Men, who
 ' made him of his Red Chamber, and
 ' Envoy to *France*. He had all the Edu-
 ' cation that Courts could give him; a
 ' good natural Understanding, cultivated
 ' by Experience; good Nature, good
 ' Manners, and Generosity and Courage
 ' in a high degree. He was much e-
 ' steemed both by the Queen and Her
 ' Ministers and was chosen as the most
 ' proper Person to represent Her Majesty
 ' in *France*, upon the great Occasion of
 ' the ensuing Peace. He had some of the
 ' highest Favours of the Crown conferr'd
 ' on him as a Reward of his Merit.

' All

' All this consider'd, his Friends cann
 ' forbear mingling some Censure w
 ' their Lamentations, that such a L
 ' should be put upon the level with the
 ' of a most PROFLIGATE COWARD,
 ' whose Hands had been already dy'd
 ' with Three foul Murders, and yet who
 ' had swallow'd the grossest Affronts:
 ' Whereas the Duke's Courage had never
 ' been call'd in question. He had often
 ' acquitted himself upon such occasions
 ' with untainted Honour: However, to
 ' do his Memory Justice, he sought all
 ' opportunities, consistent with the mi-
 ' staken Notions of the World, to avoid this
 ' Quarrel. The Affront was wholly given
 ' by *Mohun*, which the Duke knowing
 ' him to be Drunk, did not resent. But
 ' that Bravo *Macartney*, who depended
 ' for his Support on the Lord *Mohun*,
 ' finding his Pupil's Reputation very much
 ' blasted by those tame Submissions, which
 ' his Lordship (mistaking his Man) had
 ' lately paid to Mr. *D' Avenant*, judged
 ' there was no way to set him right in
 ' the Coffee-Houses and the *Kit-Cat*, but
 ' by a new Quarrel, and made choice of
 ' the Duke, a Person of Five and Fifty,
 ' and very much weakned by frequent
 ' Fits of the Gout. *Macartney* was for-
 ' ced to keep up his Patron's Courage
 ' with Wine, till within very few Hours
 ' of their meeting in the Field. And
 ' the mortal Wound which the Duke
 ' receiv'd, after his Adversary was run
 ' through the Heart, as it is probably
 ' conjectur'd, could not be given by any
 ' but

' but *Macartney*: At least, nothing can
 ' be charged on him, which his Character
 ' is not able to bear. 'Tis known e-
 ' nough, that he made an Offer to the
 ' late King to Murder a certain Person
 ' who was under his Majesty's Displea-
 ' sure; but that Prince disdained the Mo-
 ' tion, and abhorred the Proposer ever
 ' after. However it be, the general O-
 ' pinion is, that some very black Cir-
 ' cumstances will appear in this Tragedy,
 ' if a strict Examination be made; nei-
 ' ther is it easie to account for Three
 ' great Wounds in the Duke's Legs, if
 ' he had fair Play. It is agreed, that
 ' *Macartney* wounded the Duke's Second
 ' Mr. *Hamilton*, and what Opportunities
 ' he took after, of executing his Own
 ' and his Faction's Rage, may perhaps
 ' be discovered. I do not reckon the
 ' Loss of their Party so great by the
 ' Death of Lord *Mohun*, as some of their
 ' Advocates would make it: They have
 ' an abundant Plenty of Villains and
 ' Desperado's, and I hear of I know not
 ' how many Candidates already, for Lord
 ' *Mohun*'s Employment of *Principal Bully*.
 ' Thus far the *Examiner*.

On the other hand, his Fellow-Labourer
Abel in his *Post-Boy* publish'd the same
 Day, viz. November 20th. 1712. acquaints
 the World, ' That on *Tuesday* last a Com-
 ' mittee of the Council of State at the
 ' Earl of *Dartmouth*'s Office, where the
 ' Spectators of the Duel were examin'd;
 ' That My Lord Duke and the Lord
Mohun

' *Mohun* did not *Parry*, but gave *Thrusts*
 ' at each other ; and the latter shortning
 ' his *Sword*, stabb'd the *Duke* in the
 ' upper Part of his left *Breast* running
 ' downwards into his *Body*, (which *Wound*
 ' upon *Probing* was about 14 Inches long)
 ' That the Lord *Mohun* gave the *Affront*,
 ' which the *Duke* observing him to be
 ' in *Drink*, disdain'd to regard: But the
 ' *Faction*, weary of him, resolv'd to em-
 ' ploy him in some real *Service* to their
 ' Cause, and valued not what became of
 ' him, provided he did their *Drudgery*.
 ' That this is the *New Expedient* of the
 ' *Faction*, *Band-Boxes*, and *Bullies*——

Tho' this *Account* agrees, in the *Main*,
 with the *Examiner's*, yet it destroys what
 the latter suggests, That *Macartney* gave
 the *Duke* the *Mortal Wound* he receiv'd in the
 Upper Part of his *Breast*: Which being a
 most *Material Point*, in order to asperse
 the *Whigg-Party*; and to make this *Duel*
 a *Set Design* to *Murder* the *Duke*, *Abel*
 mended the matter in his *Post Boy* of the
 25th of *November*, wherein he gives us the
 following *Relation*.

London, *November 25*. ' On *Friday*
 ' Night *Colonel Hamilton* surrender'd
 ' himself to a *Committee of Council*, which
 ' sat at the *Earl of Dartmouth's Office*;
 ' his *Examination* before them was as
 ' followeth:

' That on *Saturday Morning* the 15th
 ' instant, *Duke Hamilton* sent his *Servant*
 ' to *Colonel Hamilton*, desiring him to
 ' get up and dress immediately; but be-
 ' fore he was half ready, the *Duke* him-
 ' self

' self came and hurry'd him into his Chariot
 ' so soon, that he finish'd the Buttoning
 ' his Waistcoat there. By that time they
 ' had got into *Pall-Mall*, the Duke ob-
 ' serv'd that the Colonel had left his
 ' Sword behind him; whereupon, he stops
 ' his Chariot, and gave his Footman a
 ' Bunch of Keys, with Orders to fetch
 ' a Mourning Sword out of such a Closet.
 ' At the return of the Footman, they drove
 ' on to *Hide-Park*, where the Coachman
 ' stop't, and the Duke order'd him to drive
 ' on to *Kensington*; when they came to
 ' the Lodge, they saw a Hackney-Coach
 ' at a distance, in which his Grace said,
 ' *There was somebody he must speak with;*
 ' but driving up to it, and seeing no body,
 ' he ask'd the Coachman, *Where the Gen-*
 ' *tlemen were whom he brought?* He an-
 ' swer'd, *A little before.* The Duke and
 ' the Colonel got out in the Bottom, and
 ' waik'd over the Ponds Head, when they
 ' saw the Lord *Mohun* and Colonel *Ma-*
 ' *cartney*, before 'em. As soon as the
 ' Duke came within hearing, he said, *He*
 ' *hop'd he was come time enough;* and *Ma-*
 ' *cartney* answer'd, *In very good time, my*
 ' *Lord.* After this, they all jump'd over
 ' the Ditch into the Nursery; and the
 ' Duke turn'd to *Macartney*, and told him,
 ' *Sir, you are the Cause of this, let the Event*
 ' *be what it will;*—*Macartney* answer'd, *My*
 ' *Lord, I had a Commission for it.* Then
 ' my Lord *Mohun* said, *These Gentlemen*
 ' *shall have nothing to do here;* at which
 ' *Macartney* said, *We'll have our share;*
 ' then the Duke answer'd, *There is my*
 ' Friend

Friend then, he will take his share in my
 Dance. They all drew immediately, and
 Macartney made a full Pass at Hamilton,
 which he parrying down with great
 force wounded himself in his Instep;
 however, he took that Opportunity to
 close with and disarm Macartney; which
 being done, he turn'd his Head and
 seeing my Lord Mohun fall, and the Duke
 upon him, he run to the Duke's Assist-
 ance; and that he might with the more
 Ease help him, he flung down both the
 Swords; and as he was raising my Lord
 Duke up, he says, That he saw Macartney
 make a Push at his Grace; that he im-
 mediately look'd to see if he had wound-
 ed him, but seeing no Blood, he took
 up his Sword, expecting Macartney
 would attack him again; but he walk'd
 off. Just as he was gone, came up the
 Keepers, and others, to the Number of
 9 or 10, among the rest Ferguson, my
 Lord Duke's Steward who had brought
 Boucher's Man with him; who opening
 his Grace's Breast, soon discover'd a
 Wound on the Left Side, which came
 in between the Left Shoulder and Pap,
 and went slantingly down through the
 Midriff into his Belly: This Wound is
 thought impracticable for my Lord Mohun
 to give him. The Lords of the Council
 sat till 12 at Night, when Colonel
 Hamilton was order'd into the Custody
 of one of Her Majesty's Messengers.

Moreover, in the *Post-Boy* of the 2d of
 December, in a Paragraph in the *London*
 Article,

Article, it is suggested, ' That it appears
' upon Oath that the Wound whereof the
' Duke of *Hamilton* dyed, was given him
' by *Macartney*.

Now, the Charge contain'd in the *Examiner* and *Post-Boy* before quoted, consists of these Articles:

I. ' That the *Whigs* put the several Arts
' of *Murder* in Practice, and employ
' *Treachery* and *Violence* at once.

II. ' That the Duke of *M——gh* set
' the Example of Party-Duels; and de-
' puted that infamous *Messenger* of his
' Challenge (meaning the late Lord *Mohun*)
' to be the general *Bully* of the *Faction*;
' but valued not what became of him.

III. ' That the Two most abandon'd
' *Wretches* that ever infested this Island
' the late Lord *Mohun* and *Macartney*
' conspir'd and perfected the Murder of
' the Duke of *Hamilton*.

IV. ' That the Lord *Mohun* was a
' profligate Coward, whose Hands had been
' already dy'd with Three Foul Murders,
' and yet who had swallow'd up the Gross-
' est Affronts; and had lately made tame
' Submissions to Mr. *D'Avenant*.

V. ' That the Affront (*which occasion'd this Duel*) was given by *Mohun*, which the Duke, knowing him to be Drunk, did not resent.

VI. ' That the *Mortal Wound*, which the Duke receiv'd, after his Adversary was run through the *Heart*, could not be given by any but *Macartney*; neither is it easy to account for Three great Wounds in the Duke's Legs, if he had fair Play.

Here is a very *Heinous Charge*, both *General*, against the *Whig-Party*, and *Particular*, against the late Lord *Mohun* and Lieutenant General *Macartney*.

Tho', as I hinted before, my present Design be only to set the *Quarrel* and *Duel* between the late Duke *Hamilton* and the Lord *Mohun* in a *fair and true Light*, yet I cannot but observe, That the only Proofs the Author of the *Examiner* brings in to support the first Part of his Charge, are the *Band-Box*, or *Engine of Assassination*, said to have been sent to the Lord T——r, and *Duelling*, of which the Duke of M——gh is suggested to have set the Example.

As to the first; it looks so improbable that any such Engine can be contrived in a *Band-Box*, that not one Man in Ten Thousand, even among the *High-Church-Party*, would give Credit to the First Report of it, upon the Veracity of the *Tale-of-a-Tub-Priest*, who, was the first *Broacher* of it, as he was, it seems, the happy Instrument in the Hands of Providence, to prevent the Effects of that cursed Engine. Nor did the Description which *Abel* gave of it not many Days after, much promote the Belief of a *Plot* against that great Man's Life: Not only because it contradicted the first Report; viz. That there were Three Pistols, charg'd, each with a Brace of Bullets, Primed and Cock'd in the Box, which the *Post-Boy* reduc'd to one; but also, because upon strict Inquiry, People were inform'd, that the *Pistol* mention'd in the *Post-Boy* was only a *Steel* with a *Cock*, and a *Pan* to strike Fire, set in a Stock in the Form of that of a Pistol, but without a Barril, with Two or Three *Squibs* and a Rope. This seems the more probable in that it does not appear that any great Pains have been taken, to trace out the Persons that sent this *Band Box*: And, indeed, since Both Houses of Parliament with great Zeal and Prudence, thought fit to Congratulate the Preservation of so dear a Life as the Lord T — r's, from *Guis-card's Knife*, 'tis not to be doubted, that if such an *Engine of Assassination*, as the *Examiner* calls it, had been sent to his Lord.

Lordship, a *Proclamation* would have been publish'd, with a considerable Reward for the Discoverer. On the other hand, 'tis very well known, that when that great Man has been ask'd any Question about the Box, he has turn'd it off with a *Smile*, which shews how little Danger he apprehended from it. I own, with the *Examiner*, this may proceed from his own *fearless Nature*; But, methinks, he should have added, That his Lordship's *Intrepidity* is the Result of his *Integrity* and *Uprightness*.

———— *Hic murus abeneus illi,*
Nil conscire sibi —————

And indeed, what can that *Excellent Man* fear, who has done such great Things for his Queen and Country? Who has at once maintain'd the *Prerogative of the Crown*, and asserted the *Liberty of the Subject*; Rescued the Sovereign and the People from the Hands of an *Insulting and Arbitrary Junto*; restor'd *Publick Credit*; put an End to a Bloody Expensive (and if we may believe the *Examiner* and *Abel*, *Unjust*) War, by a Safe, Honourable, and lasting Peace? In a Word, saved his Country almost ruin'd by a Foreign War, and a Domestick Faction? Sure such a Man, like the Sage among the *Stoicks*, and the *Integer Vite* of *Horace*, must remain firm and undisturb'd, not only at the sight of a *Band-Box* with a few *Squibs*, and a Saucy Hieroglyphick; but even

even in a general Dissolution of the Elements.

*Si fractus illabatur Orbis
Impavidum serient ruina.*

It must be own'd, at the same time, that the sending such a Box to a Person in so high, so respectable a Station, was a Villainous Indignity, that deserves Exemplary Punishment: But I very much doubt whether all the Rhetorick of the *Tale-of-a-Tub-Priest*, will ever be able to make a *Trojan Horse* out of a *Band-Box*; Tho', Methinks, I hear him say, in the *Stile of Laocoon* in * *Virgil*.

* *Æneis*
Lib. II.

*Trust not, My LORD, this Present in your
(House ;*

*VOLPONE's Dead, but still I dread a
(MOUSE!*

Their General, they say, will soon be gone,

Granted: But are the Whiggs no better known?

I'm sure, my Lord, this Band-Box must enclose,

*Some Murd'ring Engine from your Mortal
(Foes.*

In Powder-Treasons they'll out-match a Faux;

Beware their Malice— Don't admit the Box.

Either

Either unopen'd doom it to the Flames,

Or to be drowned in the Neighbouring Thames.

At least permit your Faithful Slave to bore

*The treacherous Gin, and Whiggish Arts ex-
(plore.*

Methinks, on the other hand, I see the *Serene and discerning Statesman*, laugh at the *fawning, officious Sycophant*: Not, perhaps, without a *Secret Suspicion*, that he might be, at once, both the *Contriver* and *Discoverer* of the *Plot* he endeavour'd to palm upon his Lordship's pretended Enemies.

As to the Reflection cast, by the *Examiner*, on the Duke of *Marlborough*, viz. of his setting the *Example* of *PARTY-DUELS*, I will not either in his Grace's, or the late Lord *Mohun's* Defence take upon me to vindicate so *Inhumane*, so *Impious* a Practice. I know very well that tho' the Word *Duel* derives from the *Latin Duellum*, (which signified *War*) yet the Thing now meant by it, that is, *single Fighting*, was altogether unknown to the *Ancient Greeks* and *Romans*, who wore Arms no where but in the Camp; nor ever made use of them to revenge private Injuries. I know likewise that this Custom, of *Barbarous* and *Gothick* Original, and the Spawn of *Knight-Errantry*, is diametrically opposite and repugnant to the Precepts of *Christianity*, which teaches

teaches us to bear Injuries ; and despise ill Usage. But then it must be observ'd, that this Custom, as Savage, and Unchristian as it is, having, for many Ages, been Tolerated, and in some Cases, Authorized, in most Kingdoms and States of Christendom, got such a deep Root, that it was not in the Power of subsequent Laws wholly to eradicate it. The Tryals of *Camp-Fight* were, indeed, suppress'd in *England*, by *William* the Conqueror and *Edw. II.* but were still allow'd in other Countries, particularly in *France*, where in the Reign of *Henry II.* a famous Duel was fought, in the Presence of that Prince and his Court, between *Messieurs de la Chatenerraye* and *de Farnac* ; in which the latter Hamstrung his Adversary, by a Pass which, to this Day, is call'd *Coup de Farnac* ! The present King of *France*, by rigorous Edicts, which, to do him Justice, are the justest Pride of his long Reign, has gone a great way to conquer a *Monster* that drain'd the Blood of his best Subjects ; and other Sovereigns, either in Imitation of Him, or from their own Wisdom, have made wholesome Laws to restrain the Frantick Humour of *Duelling*. But as those Edicts and Laws don't remove the Cause, so they remain, in great measure, ineffectual : And *Duels* are still fought in *France* and elsewhere, under the Disguise of *Rencounters*. The Reason why we read of no *single Combats* among the *Greeks* and *Romans* is, undoubtedly, because it was more infamous amongst them to give, than receive *Affronts* : But as

long as Men are subject to the Passions of Pride, Ambition, Anger and Revenge, on the one hand; and as long as the *Punctilios* of Honour are cherish'd and indulg'd as the Distinguishing Character of a Gentleman, I doubt the Efficacy of the severest Laws to prevent the *Pursuing* of *private Animosities*, and the Redressing of Personal Injuries, by way of Arms. To apply these Observations to our present Case, if we impartially consider the repeated Indignities, and Insults offer'd to the Duke of *Marlborough*, the greatest Heroe this Island ever bore; not only by vile Libellers, (below his Grace's Notice) but even by Men of Birth and Figure, we shall not wonder to find that his Calm and Serene Mind was once ruffled by Passion, and his generous and forgiving Nature warm'd with just Resentment; But rather that he bore, so long, so many Personal Affronts, with uncommon Magnanimity and Patience. Nothing, therefore can be more absurd, and more malicious than to suggest that his Grace *set the Example of Party-Duels*; since, on the contrary, he practised the distinguishing Rule and Maxim of his Party, *MODERATION*, to such a Degree, as will render him the Admiration of the present and succeeding Generations. It is scarce worth while to take notice of the *Examiner's* side-wind Reflection on his Grace's Courage, as if *Care was taken that his Person should not be exposed*: For

tis

'tis sufficiently known how the *Duel* was Prevented.

To maintain the second Part of the Charge against the Duke of *Marlborough*, viz. ' That he deputed the Messenger of ' his Challenge, to be the general *Bully* ' of the *Faction*; the *Examiner* goes on with representing the late Lord *Mohun* and Lieutenant General *Macartney* in the blackest Colours, and Charging them with the Villainous Design of Murdering the Duke of *Hamilton* : But effectually to confute and defeat that heinous Accusation, will suffice to prove,

I. That the *Duel* fought between the Duke of *Hamilton* and the Lord *Mohun*, was in pursuit of private *Animosities*, and not a *Party Quarrel*.

II. That the Affront was not given by the Lord *Mohun*.

III. That the Wound the Duke receiv'd over his Left Breast, was neither the immediate Cause of his Grace's Death; nor given by General *Macartney*.

But before we proceed to the Proving of these Three Material Points, we cannot forbear Animadverting, with Indignation, upon the base *Partiality* with which the *Examiner* characterizes the Two Principals in this Dismal Tragedy, bestowing on the one all the Encomiums he can think of, in the Hurry of his Passion; while he throws a heap of Dirt and Scandal on

the other. No Person, of what Party so ever, who had the Honour to know the late Duke of *Hamilton*, will grudge any *Roses* or *Violets* that are laid on his *Herse*: His Character was, undoubtedly, answerable to his High Birth, and his Personal Accomplishments bespoke him a Nobleman, even without his Great Titles. But 'tis Pity those Flowers should be strew'd, by so polluted a *Hand* as the *Examiner's*; a Hand just before dipp'd in Gall and Brimstone, and still reeking with Poisonous Steams, that cannot but vitiate their Natural Fragran cy: Not unlike the Infectious Breath of the Dragon describ'd in *Ovid's Metamorphosis, Lib. III.*

——— *Quique Halitus exit*
Que niger Stygio Vitiatas inficit herbas.

Nor is the *Examiner* any way less mischievous than that Monster was; for his *Embrace* is as fatal as his *Biting*:

Occupat hos Morsu, longis Complexibus illos,
Hos necat afflato, funesti Tabæ Veneni.

Certainly no Man that has either any Tincture of Good Manners, or Sense of Humanity can read or hear with Patience the Scurrilous and Scandalous Epithets, with which that Infamous Libeller asperses the Memory of the late Lord *Mohun*. 'Tis a receiv'd Maxim, even among the most barbarous Nations to tread gently on the *Ashes of the Dead*: But contrary to this Rule, the *Tale-of-a-Tub-Priest* throws a Load of Reproach on a Noble Peer, before

fore he is laid in his Grave: An Infolence that deserves the Correction of the Law; and there have been Reigns in which Men have lost their Ears in the Pillory for Crimes of no deeper Dye.

The late *Charles Lord Mohun*, was the Son of *Charles Lord Mohun*, by *Philippa*, one of the Daughters of *Arthur Annesley*, Earl of *Anglesey* Lord Privy-Seal; and the last Offspring of a most Noble and Ancient Family, of which *Sir William de Mohun*, who accompanied the *Norman Conqueror*, and did him, and his Successors, many eminent Services, in the Wars, was the first Founder in *England*, after it had flourish'd long before in *France*. He had the Misfortune to lose his Father in his tender Infancy, which depriv'd him of the Advantage of an Education suitable to his Birth, whereby his natural Parts and Genius remain'd uncultivated; and both his Great Spirit, and the Narrowness of his Paternal Estate having led him early to Arms, he fell, of Course, into Licentious Company, so that 'tis no wonder his Youth was mark'd by many unluckly Sallies, and even criminal Excesses. This the best of my Lord *Mohun's* Friends will readily allow: But then let all impartial, unprejudiced Men consider, That if the Follies of Youth were to determine a Man's Character, and be either a Bar to his future Preferment, or a Brand on his Memory, the Council-Board would, often, be deprived of its Wisest Heads; the Bench of its best Judges, and the Church of its brightest Luminaries; and many a Name would either be lost in Oblivion

vion or stigmatized with Infamy, that makes a Shining Figure in History. Certainly all Equitable Persons will give Grains of Allowance for the Eruptions of Youthful Blood; and not Charge on a Man of Forty, the Faults he committed before Twenty; which Age my Lord *Mohun* had not reach'd when Mr. *Mountford*, the famous Comedian, was barbarously murder'd by his Lordship's Companions; and it plainly appear'd upon his Solemn Tryal before the Lords in *Westminster-Hall*, that his Lordship's Hands had not been imbrued in that horrid Murder, of which therefore he was

* See the History of England in Folio. Vol. III. Pag. 660.

* acquitted. Some Years after, My Lord *Mohun* had also the Misfortune to be involv'd with the late Earl of *Warwick* in an Indictment for the Murder of Mr. *Coote*; for which they were both try'd by their Peers in *Westminster-Hall*: But, says a Learned Divine, and impartial Historian, *The Lord Mohun, with great Composedness and Elocution made his Innocency so well appear, that he was acquitted by the UNANIMOUS SUFFRAGE of the Peers; and lived to be a great Example of Sobriety and Publick Spirit.*

* Dr. Kennet, ubi supra Pag 767.

And indeed, My Lord *Mohun*, after this last Misfortune, did wonderfully reclaim; and what by his Reading; what by his Conversation with the Soundest and Ablest Statesmen, so well improved his Natural Parts, that he became a great Ornament to the Peerage, and a Strenuous Asserter of the Cause of Liberty, and the late Revolution: Which last, however, could not but raise him many Enemies;

Enemies; and is, I doubt, the only Reason why his Memory is so unfairly, so barbarously treated. 'Tis true, my Lord *Mohun*, like most Men in our cold Climate, still loved a merry Glass of Wine with his Friends: But in this he was the happy Reverse of some Men, who are said to owe all their bright Parts and fine Political Schemes to the Fumes of *Burgundy* and *Champaign*. For, on the contrary, My Lord *Mohun* was exemplarily temperate when he had any Business, either publick or private, to attend. He behaved himself so discreetly at the Court of *Hannover*, whither he accompanied the late Earl of *Macclesfield*, whose Niece he had married, that he left an excellent Character behind him with that most Serene Elector, and the Princess *Sophia*, his Mother. Two allow'd Judges of Merit; And this his prudent Carriage, together with many other Qualifications, so endear'd him to the Earl, that upon his * Death, soon after his Re-
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turn to *England*, he left all his Personal Estate to the Lord *Mohun*, except so much of it as should satisfy his just Debts; thinking his Hereditary Estate and Honours to be sufficient for his Brother *Fitzon Gerrard*.
 As to the want of Courage, which, in so gross a manner, the *Examiner* charges on the Lord *Mohun*, the last Period of his Lordship's Life, in which he fought a fair Duel with a Peer renown'd for his Valour and Dexterity in the Handling of the Sword; and as Vigorous and Strong
as

as any Man of his Age, is sufficient to wipe off that Imputation. Nor does the Passage the *Examiner* hints at any ways affect my Lord *Mohun's* Reputation; and I'm sure, Mr. *D' Avenant* is too much a Gentleman not to resent the *Examiner's* presuming to make use of his Name, to ~~se-~~ his Lordship's Memory; when he ~~very~~ well knows, that his Lordship behaved himself towards him like a Man of Honour and Generosity: Which, to do him Justice, Mr. *D' Avenant* has publicly own'd. On the other hand 'tis notoriously false, what the *Examiner* suggests, That *Macartney* was forc'd to keep up his *Pupil's* Courage with Wine, till within very few Hours of their meeting in the Field: For 'tis certain that his Lordship drunk but one Glass or two of Wine at the *Rose*, after which he Supp'd at *Magneau's*, at the *Queens-Arms* in *Pall-Mall*, the Master and a *Drawer* of which House have Sworn and Aver, That in Six Hours Time his Lordship, with a Noble Duke, and Two other Gentlemen, drank but Four Bottles of *French Claret*.

Having paid this just Debt to the Lord *Mohun's* Memory; We are now to prove that the *Duel* he fought with the late Duke *Hamilton*, was only in PURSUIT of PRIVATE ANIMOSITIES, and therefore no *Party-Quarrel*: For which Assertion I have a very good Voucher, viz. the Queen's Proclamation, for the Apprehending of General *Macartney* which makes use of the very Words contain'd in the said Assertion; and sets both the Two Principals,

Principals, and their Seconds, upon the *same Level*, and makes them all equally guilty. But to prove this beyond Contradiction, I shall here give the Reader a true and impartial Account of this *Private Animosity*, and of the *Quarrel* and *Duel* that follow'd thereupon; by which, at the same time I shall make out the Second Point, I have undertaken to prove, *viz. That the Affront was not given by the Lord Mohun.*

The late Duke *Hamilton* married to his Second Wife *Elizabeth*, Daughter to the Lord *Digby Gerrard*, by *Elizabeth* his Wife, and Sister to the late Lord *Brandon Gerrard*, Earl of *Macclesfield*. Upon the the Death of the Lord *Digby Gerrard* the Lady *Elizabeth Gerrard* his Wife was left Guardian to her Daughter, who having about 60000 *l.* to her Portion, when the late Duke *Hamilton* courted her for a Wife, he offer'd to content himself with the said Portion; and to prevent all future Contests and Disputes at Law, promis'd to give the Lady *Gerrard*, a general Release of the Guardianship two Days after Marriage; for the Performance of which Promise he bound himself in a Bond of 10000 *l.*

After the Consummation of the Marriage the Lady *Gerrard* call'd upon her Son-in-Law to give her the said Release, which he declined to do, and on the contrary, sought Relief in the Court of Chancery against his said Bond for 20000 *l.* which the Lady *Gerrard* so highly resented, that in the general Opinion, it broke her Heart; and inclin'd her, by her Will, to bequeath

all she had to her Brother the late Lord *Brandon Gerrard* Earl of *Macclesfield*; leaving only a Legacy of Five Shillings to her Daughter, and a Diamond-Neck-lace, in Case her Husband should consent to give the said Release: Whereas tis very probable, that if the late Duke of *Hamilton* had perform'd his Promise, he would have inherited all the Estate of the *Macclesfield's* Family.

But upon his Non-performance, the late Earl of *Macclesfield*, as was hinted before, constituted the late Lord *Mohun*, who had married his Niece, Daughter to the Present Lady *Charlotte Orbey*, his Sole Heir in consideration of the Affection and Value he had for him; so that on the Decease of the said Earl, the Lord *Mohun* took Possession of his Estate, except that Part of it which the Earl left to his Brother the Lord *Fitzson Gerrard*, last Earl of *Macclesfield*, who dying afterwards without Issue, the whole Estate of the *Macclesfield's* Family, to the Value of above 4000 l. per. Annum. fell to the late Lord *Mohun*.

The late Duke *Hamilton* thinking himself injur'd by the Wills of the Lady *Gerrard*, and the late Earl of *Macclesfield*, chose rather to forfeit his Bond of 10000 l. than not to vindicate his Claim to so considerable an Estate; in pursuance of which he exhibited a Bill in Chancery against my Lord *Mohun* to oblige him, as Executor of the Lady *Gerrard*, to give an Account of her Guardianship.

This Law-Suit, which had been depending about Eleven Years, as all Domestick Dif-

Differences generally use to do, created much ill Blood between the late Duke *Hamilton* and the Lord *Mohun*. Their Animosity was, undoubtedly encreas'd, on the one side by the Lord *Mohun's* obtaining a Decree in Chancery, whereby he was put in Possession of an Estate of about 3000 l. Value, belonging to the Duke of *Hamilton*, upon Account of a Debt of about 1500 l. with Interest for a long Term of Years; and on the other, by the Lord *Mohun's* Apprehension that the late Duke *Hamilton* would, at last, remove the Cause to the House of Peers, where he was like to have more Friends. In short, this Animosity was so notorious, That when the News of the Duke's Death was brought to one of his nearest Relations, he said, *He had often forewarn'd his Grace; being apprehensive of what has happen'd*: But no Man can avoid his Fate!

The Cause being near a Determination, on *Tuesday* the 11th of *November* the Duke and the Lord *Mohun* had a Meeting at Mr. *Olebard's*, a Master in Chancery, at his Chambers in the Rolls, where every Thing pass'd that Day very Civilly and Quietly. But, at their next meeting, on *Thursday* the 13th, upon the Examination of Mr. *Whitworth*, (Father to his Excelency Mr. *Whitworth* Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary to the *Czar*) who had, for many Years, been Steward to the Lady *Gerrard* and the *Maeclesfield's* Family, and a Person of undoubted Probity and unblemish'd Character, the Duke having not only excepted against his Testimony, upon his being Su-

perannuated, but even reflected upon his
 Honesty, the Lord *Mohun* thought him-
 self oblig'd to Vindicate that Gentleman;
 which occasion'd some Words between
 him and the Duke. However, all seem'd
 to end amicably: Infomuch that they con-
 tinued in the same Place above an Hour,
 in all appearance very Friendly; and when
 the Meeting was over, the Council on
 both sides talk'd of Appointing a Day for
 the next Meeting. One of the Council
 would have it to be the next Day, but
 the other not agreeing to it, the *Saturday*
 following, (the Day on which the fatal
 Tragedy was acted, was propos'd:)
 And 'tis observable, that hereupon the
 Lord *Mohun* desir'd, *That the said Meeting*
might be put off to the Monday following;
aliedging he intended to go into the Country
and take the Air for a Day or Two; ha-
ving been a long Time in Town attending this
Affair; and that he would come back on
Monday in the Afternoon; and then they
should go on with the Business without any
Interruption: Which is an undeniable In-
 dication, that his Lordship had, at that
 Time, no Malice in his Heart; but that
 Delay was deny'd by one of the Council;
 and so the *Saturday* following was agreed
 on for the next Meeting. At parting,
 the Duke going out first, made a Low
 Bow to the Lord *Mohun*, who in the like
 manner, answer'd his Grace's Civility: So
 that the rest of the Company, to the
 Number of Ten or Eleven Persons, did
 not suspect any Consequence from what
 had pass'd between the Two Peers. By
 this

this impartial Account deliver'd to the Writer of these Papers by one of those Persons, it is manifest that *My Lord Mohun did not give the first Affront.*

It does not so clearly appear *which of the Two Peers sent the Challenge*; If those who argue against the Lord *Mohun* would keep to the Rules of *Logick*, they must acknowledge it to have been sent by Duke *Hamilton*, who, as they suppose, was the *Party injured*. But to save them the Trouble of Reconciling their own Contradictions, we will readily own, That, in all Appearance, the Challenge was sent by the late Lord *Mohun*; nor is it improbable that Lieutenant General *Macartney* was the Messenger of it, if not the Instigator of the Duel, upon account of an old Grudge which appears to have been between him and the late Duke *Hamilton*, from his Grace's insisting that *he should have a share in the Dance*: By which, however his Grace depriv'd both Himself and his Adversary of the Advantage of Seconds; who are to see fair Play, and prevent shortned Thrusts when the Principals came to close.

Leaving that Matter, as it is yet, undetermin'd, it is certain, from the Depositions of *John Sisson*, Drawer at the *Rose Tavern*, ' That on *Friday* the 14th of ' *November*, about Five a-Clock in the ' Evening, my Lord *Mohun* and General ' *Macartney* were there; that *Macartney* ' told the Drawer Duke *Hamilton* would ' be there in a short Time, and when ' he came he should shew him into another Room. That the Duke came soon ' after

' after with another Gentleman, and ask'd
 ' for General *Macartney*, who hearing
 ' his Grace ask for him, came imme-
 ' diately outto him. That the Duke and
 ' he went into a Room together; bid the
 ' Drawer bring a Bottle of *French Claret*,
 ' and they Two drank Part of it. That
 ' *Macartney* return'd to my Lord *Mohun*,
 ' and in about a Quarter of an Hour the
 ' Duke went a way with the other Gen-
 ' tleman, who staid in another Room while
 ' the Duke and General *Macartney* were
 ' together. From this Deposition it is
 plain that the Duke of *Hamilton* went to
 Lieut. General *Macartney* at the *Rose*;
 and that the General knew of his Grace's
 coming; but what pass'd between his
 Grace and *Macartney* does not yet ap-
 pear; so that all that can be conjectured
 is, That the Time and Place where the
 Duel should be fought was there finally
 agreed on between them. It has indeed
 been suggested, that the Duke of *Hamilton*
 declined the Engagement, which indeed,
 his Grace might have done, without de-
 rogating in the least to his Honour, upon
 account of his Embassy: But whether he
 did so or no, is, and in all probability,
 will, remain a Secret; the Duke being un-
 fortunately kill'd and the General not like
 ever to accuse himself.

The Lord *Mohun* went the same Even-
 ing with General *Macartney* to the *Queen's*
Arms Tavern in *Pall-Mall*, where, as was
 hinted before, they Supp'd with a Noble
 Duke and another Gentleman. From thence
 my Lord *Mohun* and General *Macartney*
 went

went to lye at Mr. *Aimer's Bagnio* in *Long-Acre*; where they order'd the Servants to wake them at Six a-clock in the Morning; But 'tis false what has been reported, That my Lord *Mohun* made his Will at the *Bagnio*; for, it seems, he had made it long before, viz. on the 23d of *March* 1710, whereby, 'He constitutes *Elizabeth*, 'his Wife (Relict of Colonel *Griffith*) 'his Sole Heir and Executrix; leaving 'only a Legacy of 1000 l. to his pr—— 'Daughter, and 100 l. per *Annum* to 'Jeremiah Thompson Esq; during his natural Life.

On the other hand, the same Evening, between Ten and Eleven a-Clock, the Duke of *Hamilton* sent one of his Footmen to Monsieur *Bussiere*, an Eminent Surgeon and Professor in Anatomy, in *Suffolk-Street*, near the *Hay-Market*, desiring him to come to him. Mr. *Bussiere* being in Bed, somewhat Indispos'd, and inclining to sweat, enquired whether his Grace was Ill? And the Servant answering he did not appear to be so, Mr. *Bussiere* thereupon desired him to acquaint his Grace, that he found him in Bed; but, however, if there was any present Necessity, he would immediately attend his Grace, notwithstanding his Indisposition, otherwise he would wait upon him in the Morning. The Duke not sending a second Message, Mr. *Bussiere* did not stir out of Bed; which clears him of the false Imputation, that he knew of the *Duel* and might have prevented it. 'Tis true, indeed, that Mr. *Bussiere* did, the next Day, (and
has

has often since) express his concern,
 ' That he was so unfortunate not to be in
 ' a Condition to wait upon the Duke the
 ' Night before, when his Grace would,
 ' undoubtedly, have given him a Hint of
 ' the Duel, of which he would not have
 ' fail'd to inform the Government, it be-
 ' ing his Opinion, that the disclosing of
 ' a Secret may be dispens'd with, to pre-
 ' vent the Effusion of Christian Blood.
 I heartily wish all those the Duke en-
 trusted with his Secret had been of the
 same Opinion, which, it seems, some of
 his Servants were not.

On Saturday the 15th of November a-
 bout Seven a-Clock in the Morning, the
 Lord Mohun and General Macartney went,
 in a Hackney-Coach, to the fatal Ren-
 dezvous near the Lodge in Hyde-Park;
 where, not many Minutes after, they were
 met by Duke Hamilton, and Colonel John
 Hamilton, whom his Grace had call'd up-
 on at his Lodgings, and brought in his
 Chariot to be his Second.

In this interim, about a Quarter of an
 Hour, or Twenty Minutes past Seven, Mr.
 Ferguson, Steward to the Duke came to
 Mr. Bussiere, and told him his immediate
 Attendance was desired in Hyde-Park:
 Mr. Bussiere asking, *by whom?* And there
 being People in the Room, Mr. Ferguson
 whisper'd him in the Ear; whereupon
 Mr. Bussiere, who was in his Night-Gown
 and Slippers, seeing the urgent Necessity,
 call'd up his Man; bid him go along with
 the Gentleman; and said he would soon
 follow

follow himself; tho' he was to attend my Lady H—y, at Eight that Morning.

Had the Duke's Servant, instead of calling upon Mr. *Buiffiere*, given immediate Notice of the Duel to the Guard at St. James's. the Lives of Two Noble Peers, whom their Friends equally and justly regret, had, in all probability, been preserv'd: But, it seems, by that time Mr. *Ferguson* and Mr. *Buiffiere's* Man came to *Hide-Park*, my Lord *Mohun* was dead, and the Duke of *Hamilton* near expiring.

By the Depositions of Five Witnesses, viz. *John Reynolds*, of *Price's* Lodge in the *Park*; *Joseph Nicholson*, Labourer; *John Pennington*, Hackney-Coachman, *Rice Williams*, Footman to the Lord *Mohun*; and *William Morris*, Groom to Major General *Gorge*, taken at the Coroner's Inquest, it appears, ' That the Duke of *Hamilton* having ' thrown off his Cloak, and the Lord *Mohun* his ' Coat, both drew their Swords; made violent ' Passes at each other; and then fell. 2. That ' Lieutenant General *Macartney* and Colonel *Hamilton* did not Fight, but only drew their Swords ' at some Yards distance from the Lords, and ' stood with their Swords pointed at each other, ' till the Two Lords fell, upon which they ran to ' them. 3. That my Lord *Mohun* fell into the ' Ditch upon his Back, and Duke *Hamilton* near ' him, leaning over him. 4. That *Reynolds* and ' *Nicholson*, at the very Moment they saw the ' Lords fall, being then within 30 or 40 Yards, ' ran to them with Staves to part them. 5. That ' when they came in one Second had hold of one ' Lord's Sword Hand, and the other Second of ' the other. each of the Second's Swords being ' in their Right Hands. 6. That they first demanded the Seconds Swords, which they gave ' *Reynolds*, without any Resistance. 7. That *Reynolds* wrested the Duke's Sword out of his Hand; ' and *Nicholson* took away my Lord *Mohun's*, and ' gave it to *Reynolds*, who carried the Four Swords ' some distance from the Parties, and kept them

' till the Day they were brought to the Jury. 8.
 ' That the Seconds desired Reynolds and Nicholson
 ' to break or bend their Swords, and that they bent
 ' General Macartney's, but could not the other.
 ' 9. That Nicholson, in particular, deposed, that
 ' the Lord Mohun said he was wounded, and would
 ' deliver his Sword if the Duke would his; That he
 ' likewise heard the Duke's Second say, By G—d
 ' My Lord Duke's killed; and the other said, By G—d
 ' My Lord Mohun's killed; the Former then said,
 ' We've made a fine Morning's work on't. Then Ge-
 ' neral Macartney, as he afterwards appeared to
 ' be, took this Nicholson by the Hand and said to
 ' him, Honest Friend, bear witness that we endea-
 ' voured to part them; and pray remember that I in
 ' the Grey Cloaths and Silver Lac'd Hat, tell you so.
 ' That when Reynolds had taken up My Lord Duke,
 ' Nicholson and General Macartney endeavour'd to
 ' lift up My Lord Mohun. Nicholson said, I be-
 ' lieve he's dead: Macartney answer'd, God forbid;
 ' perhaps his Bleeding Inwardly may make him sick,
 ' turn him on his side that his Wound may bleed Out-
 ' wards; which was done: Then General Ma-
 ' cartney desir'd he might be turn'd on his Belly,
 ' which was also done: And that Nicholson, my
 ' Lord's Footman, and others, help'd My Lord
 ' Mohun into the Coach by General Macartney's
 ' Direction. This last particular is further at-
 ' tested by Pennington, the Hackney-Coachman,
 ' who deposed further. 10. That, my Lord
 ' Mohun being almost dead, his Second bid him
 ' carry him to his Lodgings in Marlborough-street;
 ' the Coachman ask'd him, who must pay him?
 ' And he answering the Footman, the Coachman
 ' took him by the Sleeve, and said, he brought
 ' him as well as my Lord, and that he should pay
 ' him: Upon which General Macartney gave him
 ' half a Crown. Besides this Evidence, John
 ' Lesley, Footman to Duke Hamilton Swore, 11.
 ' That when his Master went out of his Coach,
 ' he charg'd his Coachman, Footman, and Col-
 ' onel Hamilton's Boy, to go and stay at the Corner
 ' of the White Pales. That the Footman think-
 ' ing his Grace long, went towards the Place
 ' where he sat them down, and there first met
 ' General Macartney, walking towards Kensington;
 ' and

' and immediately after, he met Colonel *Hamilton*,
 ' and asking him for his Lord, he told him, *This*
 ' *was the worst Morning he ever saw, for he fear'd*
 ' *his Lord was mortally Wounded* That the Foot-
 ' man asking by whom, Colonel *Hamilton* an-
 ' swer'd, *My Lord Mohun*. That then the Co-
 ' lonel ask'd the Footman, *Where his Lord's Coach*
 ' *was*, he answer'd him, *Near the White Rails,*
 ' *near Kensington*. He desir'd the Footman to
 ' walk fast and shew him to it; accordingly they
 ' hasten'd to it. Being ask'd how far General
 ' *Macartney* was before them, the Footman an-
 ' swer'd, *That he was in Sight, walking towards*
 ' *Kensington*. In the last Place, *Andrew Clark*
 Duke *Hamilton's* Coachman deposed, 12. ' That
 ' while he was standing at the White Pales, he
 ' saw General *Macartney* without a Sword walk-
 ' ing by him; That he look'd hard at him with
 ' his Arms folded, and a small Cane hanging
 ' upon his Wrist; That he walk'd out at the
 ' Park-Gate at *Kensington*, and soon after came
 ' Colonel *Hamilton*, who went into the Duke's
 ' Coach, and bid him drive through *Kensington*
 ' to the *Gravel-Pits*, from whence he drove to
 ' *St. Giles's*, and from *St. Giles's* to the *Rose* at
 ' *Holbourn-Bridge*, where he set him down.

This is the substance of Seven Witnesses Sworn
 before the Coroner, in the Presence and Hear-
 ing of the Surgeons and other creditable Persons,
 which is so far from charging General *Macartney*
 with giving the Duke of *Hamilton* his Mortal
 Wound. ' That on the contrary, it plainly ap-
 pears, 1. ' That *Reynolds* and *Nicolson* run to the
 ' Two Peers almost as soon as the Two Seconds,
 ' whom they found each with his Sword in his
 ' Right Hand. 2. That the Seconds immediately
 ' gave their Swords to *Reynolds* without Resist-
 ' ance. 3. That General *Macartney* staid a con-
 ' siderable while, in the fatal Place, taking Care
 ' of my Lord *Mohun*, during all which Time Col.
 ' *Hamilton* express'd no suspicion of General *Ma-*
 ' *cartney's* Wounding the Duke. 4. And that
 ' General *Macartney* walk'd off leasurily towards
 ' *Kensington*, pass'd by the Duke's Coachman, and
 ' in Sight of the Duke's Footman, who might
 ' have set a *Hue and Cry* after him and Stop'd him,
 ' if Col. *Hamilton* had given them the least In-

‘timation of Foul Play. It will be difficult, I doubt, to get over these Depositions; tho’ ’tis no new thing for the Vulgar Sort, who are easily wrought upon by *Hopes* or *Fears*, to say and unsay in the same Breath; of which *Tully* gives us a remarkable Instance in his Oration *Pro Milone*: *An Milo*, (says he, speaking of a Slave,) *Clodium Interfecit? Fecit; Certa Crux— Non fecit: Sperata Libertas.*

I will not in this Place take notice of what I quoted before out of the *Post-Boy*, of the 25th of *November*, and which is therein call’d *Colonel Hamilton’s Examination before the Council*: Because that Paper having no publick Authority, it may either be own’d or disown’d, as occasion requires: And therefore we shall wait the Result of the **COLONEL’S TRYAL**, before we make any Remarks on his Evidence.

But in the mean time, we must here observe, That *Reynolds* further deposed, ‘ That, after he ‘ had carried the Four Swords some distance ‘ from the Parties, he return’d and help’d to ‘ lift up *Duke Hamilton*, who still lay on his Face; ‘ That he got him up, and he walk’d about 30 ‘ Yards; That they desired him to walk further, ‘ and he said he could not: And ’tis certain that the *Duke* either fell, or fainted, so that he could walk no further, and died before he was put into the Coach.

We must likewise take notice, That while the *Duke* was walking, *Mr. Ferguson* came up and said something to his Grace, who gave him some sharp Rebuke. Upon the *Duke’s* Fainting, *Mr. Buisiere’s* Man felt his Grace’s Pulse, and finding it did not beat, he said, *He was dead*, in which Opinion he was confirm’d, when having open’d his Grace’s Breast, and found the Wound over the Left Pap, he put his Finger into it, by which he perceiv’d that his Heart did not beat neither.

But that this Wound was not the immediate Cause of his Grace’s Death, will fully appear from the REPORT of Two of the most Eminent Surgeons in *England*.

Mr. *Buissiere*, as was said before, having only sent his Man with Mr. *Ferguson*, Mr. *RONJAT*, Sergeant Surgeon to the late King *William*, who for many Years had serv'd the Duke, was call'd (at his House in *Little Rider's Street*, near *St. James's*) to attend him by one of his Grace's Footmen, and Mr. *Medlicot's* Black, who told him, *the Duke was wounded, and had kill'd the Lord Mohun in Hide-Park.* Mr. *Ronjat* would thereupon have gone strait to *Hide-Park*; but being told that the Duke was put into his Coach, he went to his Grace's House, where the Duke was brought just before, and laid upon his Bed, in a Ground-Room. The first thing he did was to enquire, *Where the Duke was wounded?* But was answer'd, his Grace was dead. However, seeing the Blood Liquid, and still dropping, he took notice of a Wound his Grace had in the Bent of the Right Arm, which cut the great Brachial Artery; upon which, with surprize, he ask'd *Why a Ligament had not been made above that Wound, in order to stop the Blood?* Adding, that *the Blood he lost by it was the immediate Cause of his Grace's Death?* To this Mr. *Buissiere's* Man, who stood by, answer'd, *That he came too late; and that the Duke was dead before he was put into his Coach.* Hereupon Mr. *Ronjat* search'd the other Wounds; and found one on the Left side of the Breast; Three Inches over the Pao, about an Inch and half broad; which upon Probing, he found to be Eight or Nine Inches deep, penetrating into the Cavity of the *Thorax*;

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' He found also a Third Wound in the Right
 ' Leg slanting from the outside of the Calf
 ' downwards, about Eight Inches long, and
 ' Four Broad. Mr. Ronjat was summon'd
 ' by Two of the Queen's Messengers to at-
 ' tend a Committee of the Council at the
 ' Cockpit, on Tuesday the 18th of November;
 ' which he did accordingly; and was dis-
 ' miss'd after he had attended till Four in
 ' the Afternoon. Thus far the Report of
 Mr. Ronjat, according to whose Opinion,
 the Cause of the Duke's immediate Death,
 was his Wound in the Right Arm

Agreeably to this Mr. Buissiere, who, by
 Order, open'd the Duke's Body, in the
 Presence of Dr. Shadwel, has declared,
 ' That, upon Examination, he found the
 ' following Wounds.

I. ' One in the Right-Arm, in the Joint
 ' of the Elbow, cutting the chief Artery
 ' asunder; about an Inch deep; by which
 ' the Duke lost so much Blood, that he
 ' judges it to be the Occasion of the Duke's
 ' dying so soon.

II. ' A Wound upon the Breast in the
 ' Left side, between the 2d and 3d of the
 ' upper Ribs, above an Inch broad pene-
 ' trating downwards through the Nervous
 ' Center of the *Diaphragma*, or Midriff,
 ' and through the *Omentum* or Caul, of the
 ' *Abdomen*; which Wound would, in all
 ' likelihood, have proved Mortal, tho' not
 ' immediately.

III. ' A large Wound in the Outside of
 ' the Right Leg, about Seven Inches long,
 ' piercing through the *Tarsus* or Joint of
 ' the Foot; which Wound would have been
 ' very dangerous.

IV. ' An

Mr. *La Fage*, an
on, who was sent for to
Mohun at his House in *Marlborough*.

met there Dr. *Garth*, (with some other
Gentlemen) coming out, who, with great
Concern, told him, the Lord *Mohun* was
Dead; but, however, he might go and
view him; which he did accordingly.
The next Day, after the Coroner had sat
upon the Body, Mr. *La Fage*, examin'd
the Wounds, and found the following:

I. One in the Right side near the short
Ribs, penetrating into the *Abdomen*, and
piercing the *Epiploon*, the Gut *Ileon*, the
Mesentary,

By order of Colonel Ha-



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